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Dear Charles Burleigh,

Charles C. Burleigh

The way did not open for me to send you any special message to the points indicated by you in your note - a month ago - to R. F. Wallcut, - But I can say, and I wish I had written it to you a week or 10 days earlier, that we sh^d be glad to have you employ all the Sundays before you go to Communipaw as an Agent of our (the Mass^{tts}) A.S. Soc^y, in such ways & places as you referred to in your note. And you may make it go back, if you desire it, to the first of this month. -

Of course you will do what you can to offset, by collections, the charges you will make against us; for it will be the hardest sledding for us to get

thro' the coming summer and
autumn, I anticipate, that we
have known for more than 12 years.
— Be this as it may, our moderate
stipend can be paid to none more
worthily than to you; and all will
say Amen, to such appropriation of it.
— I could name places to you, but it
would only be to add that your knowledge
of Windham & N. London Co's, and the
neighb'g parts of R. Island, is far
greater than mine, and that I sh'd choose
to leave to yourself the selection of those
places. — Sometime I wish you would
visit Hampton & Willimantic, and see if
those places are utterly dead; but the
present, perhaps, is not a very good time
for it,

I understand from your letter that you
are expecting to go to Bennington about
the 1st of April. And I understand

that you wd. like an Agency appointment for that part of the State. —
— Will you, please, write to me more particularly what your proposal or suggestion may embrace?. How much time in a month, or week? Also, in general, the extent of territory. I will then, with great pleasure, bring the matter before the Board. — Some particulars as to the probable ratio of collections to expenses, & as to travel, would be a help to us.

I was very glad you could be at the funeral services of Dan Comstock. A dear, good fellow he was. So simple, so modest, so forgetful of self, so truly alive to all that is real & beautiful in Christianity — he is a loss to our Cause. — And how severe a loss we are meeting, also, in the departure of Sarah H. Earle of Worcester! Alas - alas! How can we do without her in Worcester County!

She was a rock, a defence; to trust to her was to trust in something higher and stronger than mere mortals strength, for her life & mind were filled with the divine Spirit. Garcian truly says – "her loss is irreparable."

I shall expect to hear from you soon. My respects & best regards to your wife.

Truly Yrs Sam'l May Jr.

S. Gillbury is still confined to the house here – and his recovery is very slow indeed.

16th Here, what a stupid, I was I have written to them on the back of Hill's letter, and I have to send it now. — Mary (Little Mary) came in this evening to pay her P.P.C. — She goes in the morning & after a short visit home returns to Townsend to teach. — She seems pleased. — Ellen Pierce goes on Sat. to board at Mrs Crary's up town. — All seem pleased with it — Ms. B. 1. 6 v. 6. p. 85